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Annual Moot Court Competition Convenes July 25 in Ventura

Ventura—For the fifth year in a row, the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Six, will host its Annual Moot Court Competition on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, announced Presiding Justice Arthur Gilbert. The competition will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Court of Appeal's courtroom at 200 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura.

Ventura College of Law, Santa Barbara College of Law, and the University of West Los Angeles, College of Law, will take part in the competition, which features the fictitious criminal case of *People v. George Fronden*. The case involves the right to effective assistance of counsel and an allegation of gender-bias during the jury selection.

Each law school is divided into appellants and respondents who file briefs and participate in mock oral arguments to earn a berth in the finals. The winning students from each school then present oral argument before Presiding Justice Gilbert, Associate Justices Paul H. Coffee and Steven Z. Perren.

Ventura College of Law and Santa Barbara College of Law have dedicated their competition to the memory of Retired Justice Richard W. Abbe, Associate Justice of Division Six from its inception in 1982 to 1990.

The University of West Los Angeles, College of Law, has dedicated its competition to the memory of Barry Levin, a former law professor at the school's San Fernando Valley campus and prominent defense attorney. Mr. Levin defended many major cases and high profile individuals, including Robert Blake and Erik Menendez.

The public is invited to attend the moot court competition. A reception for the students, their families, and faculty will follow in the library.

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